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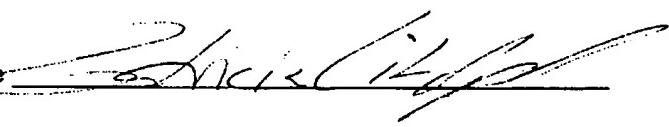
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APPLICATION NO.:	09/745,095	:	
FILING DATE:	December 20, 2000	:	Group Art Unit: 1616
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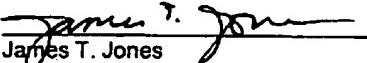
A Notice of Appeal was mailed in the above application on September 15, 2006. Applicants' opening brief was accordingly due, without extension, on or before November 15, 2006.

Pursuant to the provisions of 37 C.F.R. §1.136(a), it is requested that the term for filing Applicants' opening brief be extended by one (1) month, such that the term for response is extended to December 15, 2006.

It is noted that, in lieu of filing an opening brief, Applicants' are simultaneously filing a continuation application under Rule 53(b). This extension therefore provides co-pendency as between the parent application (Appln. No. 09/745,095) and the aforementioned Rule 53(b) continuation application.

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Respectfully submitted,

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